

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, prior to line 3, please insert the following headings and paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is for entry into the U.S. national phase under §371 for International Application No. PCT/IB02/02598 having an international filing date of July 2, 2002, and from which priority is claimed under all applicable sections of Title 35 of the United States Code including, but not limited to, Sections 120, 363 and 365(c).

TECHNICAL FIELD--

On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 12 as follows:

--To ensure that a person who has an accident or ~~[[an]]~~ a medical emergency will be treated in a proper way, so called SOS-cards in paper form are recommended to be carried around by people. Such SOS-cards usually include information about its owner including name, address, phone number, closest relative or other contact person as well as his/her phone number(s), information about chronic illnesses, medication, medicine and other allergies, vaccinations, organ donation together with a personal signature, a photo and/or other special features of the owner for identification purposes. If a person who is injured by an accident carries such a personal SOS-card, he/she can be treated by the rescue personnel who treats him/her first in a proper way taking into account ~~[[of]]~~ the person's allergies, chronic illnesses or the like, but only if the rescue personnel finds the SOS-card with the corresponding information prior to treating.--

On page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 1 as follows:

--Thus, it seems to be possible to integrate an SOS-card function into a personal electronic device, in particular into a mobile phone that is almost always carried around by its owner.--

On page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 16 as follows:

--Furthermore, a known handheld computer (e.g. Palm V™-Organizer of 3Com Corporation) includes a telephone book function for storing information as data sets having a kind of business card format. One of these data sets, for example a data set including all business card information of the owner of the handheld computer can be selected by a specific menu item to be transmitted to another handheld computer via an IR interface. Even in case that the handheld computer is switched off, actuating a specific button causes the computer to transmit this selected specific data set.--

On page 3, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 1 in its entirety as follows:

~~--This object is achieved by the electronic personal device according to claim 1. Refinements and developments of the invention are described in the depended claims.--~~

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 26 as follows:

--For inputting any kind of information, in particular information data and operating data, a user interface 13 comprises input means that can be formed by a keypad 14 as usually provided for mobile phones, a turn-push-button, a jog-dial, a touchscreen or the like. Further, the input means can be also provided with a voice command input. For outputting information data the user interface 13 comprises output means formed by a display 15. In addition, a loudspeaker can be used for announcing information. Both the input and the output means 14, 15 are connected via an interface circuit 16 to the central processing unit 10.--

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 36 as follows:

--To prevent unauthorized use of the mobile device, locking means 17 are provided so as to allow or disallow entering operating commands into the central processing unit 10 for operating the electronic device. The locking means 17 can be formed by a security routine that prompts the user for a password after switching on and which enables operating the device only if the password entered by the user is correct. For mobile phones, the personal

identity number PIN related with the SIM card is used as such password. For handheld computers, usually the password can be selected by the user during operating a corresponding security function.--

On page 6, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 9 as follows:

--Further, to enable retrieving specific personal information data stored in the memory area 11, in case of an accident or a medical emergency retrieving means 18 are provided in addition to the locking means so as to allow a very limited access to the memory 11 via the central processing unit 10 even if general operating of the electronic device is disallowed by the locking means 17[[. E.g.]], e.g. the retrieving means 18 comprises a comparator means 18' for comparing a character sequence input via the keypad 14 with a retrieving code and access means 18'' for retrieving personal information data of the owner from the memory area.--

On page 6, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 19 as follows:

--Although the interface circuit 16, the locking means 17 and the retrieving means 18 are shown as separate circuit elements, these elements can be provided together with the central processing unit 10 as elements of a common microprocessor. Further, the locking means 17 as well as the retrieving means 18 can be implemented as software programs or parts thereof.--

On page 6, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 34 as follows:

--This personal information can contain but is not limited to the owner's name, address, phone number(s), closest relative or other contact persons together with his/her phone number(s), as well as specific medical information as about chronic illnesses, medication, medicine and other allergies as well as vaccinations. Further, in case that the electronic device provides the possibility to confirm the correctness of a stored information by means of an electronic signature that is legally accepted, it is also possible to include information about organ donation.--

On page 7, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 14 as follows:

--The electronic personal device according to the invention increases safety of people in emergency situations. In particular, if the owner of the electronic device is injured by an accident, the people who ~~[[has]]~~ have to provide medical treatment as first aid can inform him/herself about necessary medical data and about personal information data for informing relatives of the victim of the accident.--

On page 7, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 21 as follows:

--In case that a child is lost, a person who found it, for example a police officer, can easily retrieve the name and the address of the child including the phone number of his/her parents from a mobile phone that is carried around by the child.--

On page 8, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 as follows:

--In case of an electronic device that can be operated only after inputting a password or PIN, it is necessary to provide a menu access for selecting the SOS-card data retrieving function. Therefore, it is possible to present all menu items to the user during scrolling even if a PIN or the like has not been entered but allow only the SOS-card data retrieving function. Another possibility is that only the available SOS-card data retrieving function is displayed to the user when she/he requests access to the menu.--

On page 8, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13 as follows:

--According to the embodiment of Figure 2 that shows an electronic device that is provided with a specific slot for inserting a user or subscriber identification module, a memory means 11' provided on the user or subscriber identification module or SIM card can be used as memory area for storing personal information data of the owner of the device. In this case, the memory means 11' is connectable to the central processing unit 10 via the SIM card processor 20 and a corresponding interface 12' including SIM contacts (not shown). Storing the personal information or SOS-card data in the SIM card memory makes it possible that the owner of a SIM card does not need to input her/his personal SOS-card data as mentioned above every time he changes the mobile device without changing her/his SIM card.--

On page 9, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 1 as follows:

--In case that personal SOS-card data are remotely stored in a memory means 11'' of a server 30, it is possible to store all personal SOS-card data in the remote memory means 11''. However, it is preferred to store some of the SOS-card data in the electronic device either in a SIM card memory 11' or in a device memory 11 as discussed above whereas other or even all SOS-card data are remotely stored in the memory means 11'' of the server 30. In this case, personal SOS-card data stored in memory means of the device are urgent information like blood type, allergy information and so on that is needed by an ambulance person for properly treating the victim of an accident or a medical emergency. Therefore, a mobile phone can be used in this way as an electronic SOS-card without worrying about the reliability of the RF connection or the coverage area of the telecommunications network.--

On page 9, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 21 as follows:

--Thus, with the present invention, electronic SOS-card information is more readily maintainable, i.e. changes to the information are easier to make than in a paper SOS-card. Further, awareness of the electronic SOS-card, i.e. of the electronic device, for example a mobile phone or a handheld computer, is better than the paper SOS-card because of its huge and popularity, in particular, of the mobile phones. Such a mobile phone is easier to find than the ~~persons~~ person's wallet or a paper SOS-card. Since more and more people own mobile phones but do not have a paper SOS-card, the invention increases the safety of persons in the already mentioned situations because rescue or ambulance people can access and find contact information from the electronic device according to the present invention.--